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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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Applicant(s): Hiroshi NAIKI et al
Serial No. : 10/801,402
Filed : March 15, 2004
For : DEFECT INSPECTION APPARATUS
Art Unit : 2877
Examiner : Richard A. Rosenberger

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-23 are
canceled, and claims 24-30 are added.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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